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Applicant: Gopalan Raman
Serial No.: 09/698,644
Filed: Oct. 27, 2000
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE PRINTING

Examiner: Kevin D. Williams
Group Art Unit: 2854
Docket No.: 10002988-1

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Response replies to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003 in which claims 1-17 were subject to a Restriction Requirement. Restriction to one of the following inventions was required by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group 1, consisting of claims 1-5 and 10-17, drawn to a method for printing a secure image, classified in Class 347, Subclass 2; or

Group 2, consisting of claims 6-9, drawn to an inkjet printing device, classified in Class 358, Subclass 3.28.

The inventions of Group 1 and Group 2 are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The Examiner found the inventions to be distinct from each other because the processes claimed can be practiced by another material or different apparatus, such as a thermal or laser printing device.

With this Response, the claims of Group 1, consisting of Claims 1-5 and 10-17, drawn to a method for printing a secure image, are elected without traverse.

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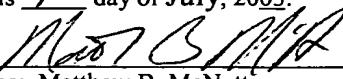
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